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the borax situation
as of the end of the first quarter of 1955:

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Domestic Production Capabilities of Boracite (Annual Production):

Kaliwerk Stassfurt	20 metric tons
Kaliwerk "Deutschland"	<u>75</u> metric tons
Total	95 metric tons

(It was considered possible to increase this amount of 95 metric tons.)

Import Plans (Borax)

I/55 (fulfilled by only 487 tons)	700 metric tons
II/55	905 metric tons
III/55	710 metric tons
IV/55	<u>715</u> metric tons
Total	3,000 metric tons

Annual Requirements:

4,350 metric tons

Additional Imports: (projected)

Colemanite (to be processed into borax)

800 metric tons

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